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SUBJECT: A/S FRIED AND FRENCH NSA-EQUIVALENT
GOURDAULT-MONTAGNE DISCUSS RUSSIA-GEORGIA, RUSSIA-KOSOVO AND TURKEY-EU

Classified By: Ambassador Craig Stapleton for reasons 1.4 (B & D).

1. (S) SUMMARY: EUR A/S Dan Fried's December 7 meeting with presidential diplomatic advisor Maurice Gourdault-Montagne (MGM) focused largely c
2. (C) SUMMARY CONT: On other issues, MGM reviewed the Franco-German proposal for a review of Turkey's implementation of its Ankara Protocol c
3. (C) EUR A/S Daniel Fried, accompanied by the Ambassador and POL Deputy (notetaker), met December 7 with President Chirac's diplomatic advis
Putin-Chirac at Riga

4. (C) Noting at the outset that he had been directly involved in the aborted Putin-Chirac dinner on the margins of the NATO summit, MGM assur
5. (C) MGM concluded his presentation with the argument that such a meeting would have been positive for Russian-Latvian relations and would b
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basis of ethnicity. MGM commented meekly that the timing had not been right for the visit and agreed that the Latvian government no longer had
Litvinenko Case

6. (S) Fried commented that the short-term trend inside Russia was negative, noting increasing indications that the UK investigation into the
Georgia-Russia

7. (C) Fried, noting he had discussed Georgia the previous evening with MFA Political Director Gerard Araud (septel), said it was important to

8. (C) Fried assured MGM that the U.S. was not seeking membership for Georgia soon, but it was important not to close the door in order to cor
Serbia and Kosovo

9. (C) Fried explained that the U.S. had decided to offer PFP to Serbia as a means of supporting democratic forces in the upcoming elections;
10. (C) MGM reviewed the history of French-Serbian relations (back to the Salonika Front of WWI, on which MGM's grandfather had served), judge
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to veto any solution that does not enjoy the agreement of all the stakeholders." MGM urged great caution in moving forward, citing Putin's purp

11. (C) Fried responded that the Serbs and Albanians had been told that Kosovo would be independent, and that it would be a mistake to turn b
Turkey-EU

12. (C) During a discussion cut short by a summons from President Chirac, Fried asked MGM how France planned to avoid a Turkey-EU train wreck.

13. (C) Fried described the U.S. approach of encouraging Turkey to respond constructively, expressed the hope that the EU would not be too one

14. (C) This message was cleared by A/S Fried.

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